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SUBJECT: TEXT OF IERONYMOS' LETTERS ON TORTURE DISCLOSED

1. ATHENS NEWS JUNE 25 AND 26 PUBLISHED ENGLISH TEXT OF TWO LETTERS DATED AUGUST 6, 1969, AND MARCH 1970, FROM FORMER ARCH-BISHOP IERONYMOS TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS, WHICH NEWS SAID APPEARED IN GREEK MONTHLY PANEUROPE-HELLENISME PUBLISHED IN LAUSANNE BY SHIPOWNER GEORGE C. LEMNOS.

2. LETTERS SAID APRIL 21 REVOLUTION WAS BEING DEBASED THROUGH WIDESPREAD PRACTICE OF TORTURE OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS. LETTER'S EXISTENCE AND GENERAL THEME WERE FIRST DISCLOSED FIVE MONTHS AGO (REFTEL) WHEN A FEW GREEK COPIES OF LETTERS CIRCULATED IN ATHENS. FULL ENGLISH TEXT MAKES EVIDENT THAT IERONYMOS HAD CENSURED IN SHARP TERMS GOG ABUSE OF ITS CITIZENS.

3. ATHENS NEWS PUBLICIZING LETTERS NOT ONLY TENDS TO CONFIRM, AT LEAST THROUGH CHURCH PERSPECTIVE, EXISTENCE OF TORTURE DURING PAPADOPOULOS REGIME, BUT ALSO BRINGS INTO PUBLIC VIEW AGAIN ISSUE THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY GREEK PUBLIC WITH NOVEMBER 25 REGIME, BUT NOT REPORTED GREEK PRESS.

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